

Collection from education cess

2737. DR. BARUN MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount so far collected on account of 2 per cent education cess, year-wise;

(b) whether this amount has been utilized for any special project(s) or is supporting the general budget of the Ministry; and

(c) the year-wise expenditure from this cess amount indicating the specific 'heads'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMD ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Receipts on account of Education Cess as reflected in the Receipts Budget 2005-06 and Expenditure Budget 2006-07 of the Ministry of Finance are as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

	Budget Estimate	Revised Estimate
2004-05	Rs. 4,910.00	Rs. 5010.00
2005-06	Rs. 6,975.00	—
2006-07	Rs. 8,746.00	—

A non-lapsable fund called the Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh (PSK) has been established for transferring/crediting into it, the proceeds of education cess. A provision of Rs. 8,746 crores for the initial transfer to the newly created PSK has been made in the Union Budget 2006-07 against estimated receipts of education cess.

(b) The proceeds of Education Cess are utilized exclusively for the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDM) of the Government after exhausting the funds provided to these schemes by way of Gross Budgetary Support (GBS).

(c) In addition to the General Budgetary allocations, contribution of Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh has been shown as a separate line item only from the Budget of 2006-07. In the financial year 2006-07, the unaudited

tentative figures of expenditure up to November 2006, recoupable from PSK are as follows:—

Scheme (Under Major Head 2202,3601,3602)	(Rupees in crore) Expenditure (Plan)
SSA	3128.47
MDM	545.92

**Coverage of schools and students under
mid-day meal scheme**

2738. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of schools and students covered under the mid-day meal programme as on 31st October, 2006;

(b) whether mid-day meal scheme has not yet been introduced in some States;

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the estimated number of children being deprived of the scheme;

(d) the reasons for not introducing the scheme by concerned authorities in those States; and

(e) the steps taken, if any, by Government to ensure universal coverage of schools across the country under mid-day meal scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) As per information furnished by States, State-wise details of schools and Education Guarantee Scheme/Alternative and Innovative Education Centres, and children covered in 2006-07 under mid-day meal are given in the Statement (See below).

(b) to (e) All States are implementing Mid-Day Meal scheme.